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CLUB NETS

10 Meter	Friday,	10:00 PM	28.775 USB
ARES Net:	Sunday,	8:00 PM	147.78/18 rtpr
75 Meter Net --- Will resume in the Fall.			
Club Swap Net	Sunday,	8:30 PM	147.78/18 rtpr
Club News Broadcast via K2QGH	Sunday,	7:50 PM	147.78/18 rtpr

Club Repeaters: 147.78 - .18, 223.06 - 224.66, 447.1 - 442.1

The Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at the VFW Hall in Woodbury Heights. Meetings begin promptly at 8 PM.

Please send any contributions for CROSSTALK to Tony Starr, WA2FZB,

Deadline for submissions is 10 days before Club Meetings.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - 1984 HAMFEST

Welcome to the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club's 1984 Hamfest. As part of the club's 25th anniversary celebration during 1984, we've tried to make this our best hamfest ever, including more commercial vendors, better prizes, and of course, license examinations.

For those who are visiting our hamfest for the first time, let me tell you a little about the club. Since its' incorporation in 1959, the club has grown to a membership of about 150 amateurs from all areas of the Delaware Valley. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at the Woodbury VFW Hall. Meeting time is 8:00 pm sharp and all are welcome to attend.

The Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club is a general interest club in that it does not specialize in any one area such as DXing, contesting or repeaters. Rather, we attempt to address all areas of amateur radio drawing on the diverse interests of our members. During the past few years, we have developed a reputation for providing public service communications for such events as the American Cancer Society, 62 mile Bike-a-Thon to Atlantic City, as well as other events for the Jaycees, and March of Dimes and others. For those who enjoy contest type operations, we mount a formidible Field Day station each year and sponsor the Two-Land QSO Party in February. Many of our members are avid DXers and have helped many a newcomer through the ropes of DXing. In 1983, the club took over the operation of the Barnsboro Repeater Association repeaters. Since then, we have embarked on a course to provide the best repeater system around. No matter where your interests lie; 2 meters, 220 MHz or 440 MHz, we are continually working on providing solid, reliable communications on our repeaters on 224.66/223.06, 447.100/442.100 and our new state of the art 2 meter repeater on 147.78/.18.

License upgrading? Beginning shortly after this hamfest, the club will be giving once a month testing on novice thru extra class as the official volunteer exam team for South Jersey and surrounding areas. Pertinent information will be given as soon as possible.

Well gang, that's the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club in a nutshell. Thanks so much for visiting our hamfest. Please feel free to drop me a line with any thoughts, questions, or comments about the hamfest or the club.

73-- Harry Maxfield, WA2VXT
President - GCARC

MESSAGE FROM THE 1984 HAMFEST CHAIRMAN

WELCOME TO OUR 6TH ANNUAL HAMFEST. Our Club hopes everyone who has joined us in this year's Hamfest will be happier when they leave at day's end because:

a. You obtained that much sought after amateur radio license or upgrade;

b. You won one of our 4 great door prizes;

c. You successfully bought that piece of electronic equipment from one of our renowned vendors;

d. You had a successful tailgating day;

e. You just had a great day meeting other fellow hams for that eyeball QSO and to enjoy the fun in the sun.

So enjoy and help celebrate GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB'S 25th YEAR.

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Bill WA2VEE

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Crosstalk is the official publication of the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club and is published monthly, primarily for the information of the membership. We do, however, like to share information with other clubs in the area. This special edition is especially for you, our guest at the 1984 GCARC Hamfest, to give you a little information about our club.

If your club is interested in exchanging a copy of your newsletter each month for a copy of Crosstalk, please drop me a note with your club address included, and I will arrange to have you added to our mailing list. I am sure we could benefit mutually from the exchange of information.

My address is listed at the bottom of the title page in the front of this issue. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

73 -- Tony Starr -- WA2FZB

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Congratulations GCARC on the 25th Anniversary. Welcome to our HAMFEST today.

Although this is basically considered a man's club it is also considered to be a club of all interests and so the few yl members are highlighted quite often.

Some of our YL members are:

Margaret (Peg) Bergin - K2INQ of West Deptford
Rose Ellen Bills - N2RE of Pennsville
Bertha Farr Eggert - WA4BMC of Lake Worth, Florida
Gladys Graves - KA2BMM of Pitman
Roslyn Marder - N2AKL of Williamstown
Della Parker - W2AFZ of Westville
Christine Sheridan - KA2QFK - APO New York

The YL number is quite low compared to the OM number but we still take an active part in our club. Most have held an office at one time or another, been active on various committees and take part in our Field Day as well as our Hamfest.

Stop by the YL BOOTH today. We've got some prizes for the ladies and what better way to meet the hard working YL members.

We will have a dinner/dance October 20th with all arrangements being made by our YL member Roslyn Marder - N2AKL.

Our Charter Member YL, Della Parker - W2AFZ, has held many areas of responsibility and will welcome all those who stop by our booth today.

Rose Ellen - N2RE has held many offices as well as helped with several issues of Crosstalk and will welcome all yls at the booth -- where some prizes will be in order for those lucky yls.

See you at the booth!

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Rose Ellen - N2RE

SOME GCARC HISTORICAL FACTS

1959 GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB organized. Became affiliated with ARRL. Named Mantua National Bank to be used for Club depository. First FIELD DAY was June 27, 1959.

1960 April 14, 1960 we became GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO, INC. Blue and Gold Club colors, Club Certificates; Club Nets; and, Club emblem established. First HAMFEST held September 8, 1960.

1961 Became affiliated with Delaware Valley Council of radio clubs. Established an annual audit of the Treasurer's Records to be done by a Club Trustee and the findings reported at the November meeting.

1962 Code Classes for the General Ticket started. HAMFEST at the Algonquin Club held August 12, 1962. Club PICNIC held at Lake Garrison in lieu of July meeting.

1963 HAMFEST held at Crystal Birch Lake. First Club DX Award issued. Started mailing CROSSTALK to all members. Initiated our nominating committee to be compsed of all past presidents with the current president acting as Chairman to hold a meeting during the month of October and the slate to be presented at the November meeting.

1964 Postal Department issued a stamp commemorating ham radio. The four Trustees should appoint a Chairman, meet and account for all Club property was a decision of the 1964 Board of Directors. The Chairman would then report their findings to the Board of Directors at the May Board meeting.

1966 We held Amateur Radio Week. The third floor of Pitman Boro Hall was offered for our meetings without a charge.

1969 We initiated our President's Plaque and started our Silent Key Plaque.

1972 Our first Honorary Life Membership was presented in 1972 to VAN TURNER - W2KE, our Club Founder.

1975 A write-up which included a picture of WA2NPD, the 1975 President, at the key on Field Day, was printed in the Gloucester County Times. We had a station in operation for Amateur Radio Week at the Collegetown Shopping Center and a story was also printed in the Times.

1976 A club PICNIC replaced a July meeting, again at Lake Garrison. 20 meter contacts soon became a weekly Club get-together when WA2NPD accepted a transfer to Texas.

1977 We learned that we lost the $50.00 bond donated to the BARRC-76 Bicentennial in Philadelphia as they went in the hole for the project. We sponsored AMSAT OSCAR PHASE III series. On May 7th we held 2 meter Communications for the Explorer Scouts Canoe Ride We appointed a Club Historian - W2AFZ.

HISTORICAL FACTS - CONTINUED

1978 Our second Honorary Life Membership was issued February 1978 to Charter Member DELLA M. PARKER - W2AFZ. The financial records were placed with the Historian and it was established the records would only be kept with the Treasurer for six years with the others being destroyed, one year at a time.

1979 Our First Annual HAMFEST, with KN2QWO as Chariman was held at the Gloucester County Community College. Bob was again appointed Chairman for the next year 1980.

1980 Our first YL President-Rose Ellen Bills - N2RE presided. We made a contribution of $100.00 in 1980 to the Randy Bynum-WB2SZK TVI/ RFI problem. We provided 2-meter communications for a Bike-A-Thon benefit for the Mentally Retarded in 1980. We had members take part in a Bike-A-Thon from Philadelphia to Atlantic City where 2 meter communications were covered during 1980 and 1981. W2YC won the 40 wpm CW contest at Dayton HAMFEST in 1980.

1981 Our Third Annual HAMFEST, with WB2GSF as Chairman, was successfully held at the Gloucester County College. New copies of an up-dated Constitution & By-Laws were distributed to all members. We opened a post office box for use to receive all CLB correspondence, for the second year. W2MMD took FIRST PLACE 8 ALPHA CLASS ON FIELD DAY this year. A plaque was issued to MILT GOLDMAN for a new annual award established. The plaque will be moved along to different winners with a certificate issued to be kept by each winner of this award.

1982 Our Fourth Annual HAMFEST, with WB2GSF as Chairman and also President was held at the Gloucester County Communicty College. We made $400.00 donation to the Barnsboro Repeater 78/18 for use in previous years during Field Day, Bike-A-Thons, and Hamfest activities. Lab Classes were held this year and also Classes for Tech/General and Advanced/Extra. The MILT GOLDMAN Plaque was presented to JOHN FISHER for outstanding contributions during this year.

1983 Our fifth Annual HAM/COMFEST, with WB2GSF as Chairman, was held at the Gloucester County Community College. A CPA was hired to check all financial records since 1959 to enable use to have an official ID number for banking and tax needs.

1984 GCARC celebrates its 25th anniversary with its biggest and best HAMFEST ever. VEC Testing is featured for the first time.

THE FOLLOWING LIST IS OUR PRESIDENTS OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC., ALONG WITH THE YEAR WHICH THEY SERVED IN THIS CAPACITY

* 1959 - VAN TURNER - W2KE (CLUB FOUNDER)
1960 - WOODY FRANTS - K2AQL
1961 - JIM PECK - W2LVW
* 1962 - JAN. THRU MARCH - GEORGE STUART - K2SOL
* 1962 - APR. THRU DECEMBER - MAL MASON - W2MMD
1963 - MILT GOLDMAN - K3WIL
* 1964 - PAUL WALTON - W2YNR
1965 - JACK LAYTON - K2JKA
1966 - GURDON COOPER - W2PAX
1967 - DOUG GEHRING - WA2NPD
1968 - JACK BOWEN - WB2WKV
1969 - BILL BACHMAN - WA2VEE
1970 - JAN. THRU FEB. - PAUL CALLAGHAN - WB2WAK
1970 - MAR. THRU DECEMBER - KEN NEWMAN - WB2FNF (N2CQ)
1971 - BILL FRAMBES - WB2FJE
1972 - JOHN STULL - WB2JZX (N2SI)
1973 - WAYNE WOOD - W2SUA
1974 - JACK WHITE - WA2MEM
1975 - JAN. THRU AUGUST - DOUG GEHRING - WA2NPD
1975 - SEPT. THRU DECEMBER - RICH NETHERBY - WB2OCR
1976 - RICH NETHERBY - WB2OCR
1977 - HERB SCHULER - K2HPV
1978 - RAY METZGER - WB2BZY (AI2B)
1979 - RAY MARTIN - WB2LNR
1980 - ROSE ELLEN BILLS - N2RE
1981 - TOM WIDENER - KE2M
1982 - HARRY JACKSON - WB2GSF
1983 - RUSS GLANS - N2ASV
1984 - HARRY MAXFIELD - WA2VXT

*SILENT KEY (CURRENT CALL)

OUR CLUB CALL - W2MMD IS TAKEN FROM OUR SK PRESIDENT MAL MASON, AFTER PERMISSION FROM HIS FAMILY AS WELL AS FROM F.C.C.